

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

[4910-EX-P]

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA 2015-0233]

Agency Information Collection Activities; Extension of a Currently-Approved Information Collection: Annual Report of Class I and Class II Motor Carriers of Property (OMB 2139-0004)

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, FMCSA announces its plan to submit the Information Collection Request (ICR) described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for its review and approval. The FMCSA requests approval to extend an ICR titled, "Annual Report of Class I and Class II Motor Carriers of Property (formerly OMB 2139-0004), whose new designation is 2126-0032. This ICR is necessary to ensure that motor carriers comply with FMCSA's financial and operating statistics requirements at chapter III of title 49 CFR part 369 entitled, "Reports of Motor Carriers." On August 6, 2015, FMCSA published a Federal Register notice allowing for a 60-day comment period on this ICR. The agency received no comments in response to that notice.

DATES: Please send your comments to this notice by [Insert date 30 days after the date of publication of this notice in the Federal Register]. OMB must receive your comments by this date to act quickly on the ICR.

ADDRESSES: All comments should reference Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) Docket Number FMCSA-2015-0233. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information

and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be

addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/Federal

Motor Carrier Safety Administration, and sent via electronic mail to

oira submission@omb.eop.gov, faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of

Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library,

Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeff Secrist, Office of

Registration and Safety Information, Department of Transportation, Federal Motor

Carrier Safety Administration, West Building 6th Floor, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE.,

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Office hours are from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal

Holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Annual Report of Class I and Class II Motor Carriers of Property (formerly OMB

Control Number 2139-0004).

New OMB Control Number: 2126-0032.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently-approved information collection.

Respondents: Class I and Class II Motor Carriers of Property and Household Goods.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 308.

Estimated Time per Response: 9 hours.

Expiration Date: January 31, 2016.

Frequency of Response: Annually.

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Estimated Total Annual Burden: 2,772 hours [308 respondents x 9 hours to complete form = 2,772].

BACKGROUND: Section 14123 of title 49 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) requires certain for-hire motor carriers of property and household goods to file annual financial reports. The annual reporting program was implemented on December 24, 1938 (3 FR 3158), and it was subsequently transferred from the Interstate Commerce Commission (ICC) to the Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) on January 1, 1996. The Secretary of DOT transferred the authority to administer this program to DOT's Bureau of Transportation Statistics (BTS) on December 17, 1996 (61 FR 68162). Annual financial reports are filed on Form M (for-hire property carriers, including household goods carriers) and Form MP-1 (for-hire passenger carriers). Responsibility for collection of the reports was transferred from BTS to FMCSA on August 17, 2004 (69 FR 51009), and the regulations were redesignated as 49 CFR part 369 on August 10, 2006 (71 FR 45740). FMCSA has continued to collect carriers' annual reports and to furnish copies of the reports requested under the Freedom of information Act. Motor carriers (including interstate and intrastate) subject to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations are classified on the basis of their gross carrier operating revenues.¹

Under the Financial and Operating Statistics (F&OS) program, FMCSA collects from Class I and Class II property carriers balance sheet and income statement data along with information on safety needs, tonnage, mileage, employees, transportation

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¹ For purposes of the Financial and Operating Statistics (F&OS) program, carriers are classified into the following three groups: (1) Class I carriers are those having annual carrier operating revenues (including interstate and intrastate) of \$10 million or more after applying the revenue deflator formula as set forth in Note A of 49 CFR § 369.2; and (2) Class II carriers are those having annual carrier operating revenues (including interstate and intrastate) of at least \$3 million, but less than \$10 million after applying the revenue deflator formula as set forth in 49 CFR § 369.2.

equipment, and other related data. FMCSA may also ask carriers to respond to surveys

concerning their operations. The data and information collected would be made publicly

available and used by FMCSA to determine a motor carrier's compliance with the F&OS

program requirements prescribed at chapter III of title of 49 CFR part 369.

Public Comments Invited:

FMCSA requests that you comment on any aspect of this information collection,

including: (1) whether the proposed collection is necessary for FMCSA to perform its

functions, (2) the accuracy of the estimated burden, (3) ways for the FMCSA to enhance

the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the collected information, and (4) ways that the

burden could be minimized without reducing the quality of the collected information.

The agency will summarize or include your comments in the request for OMB's

clearance of this information collection.

Issued under the authority delegated in 49 CFR 1.87 on: October 26, 2015

G. Kelly Regal,

Associate Administrator, Office of

Research and Information Technology.

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